

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

No surface occupancy or use is allowed within the bighorn sheep core areas in the Hidden Pasture area and the Greenhorn Mountains reintroduction area.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

Protect bighorn sheep yearlong habitat necessary for long-term maintenance of the Tendoy and Greenhorn Mountains bighorn sheep populations.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception to this stipulation may be granted by the authorized officer, in consultation with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), if the operator submits a plan which demonstrates that impacts from the proposed action are minimal or can be adequately mitigated.

Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer, in consultation with the FWP, determines that portions of the Herd Management Plan/Reintroduction area can be occupied without adversely affecting bighorn sheep use.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived if the authorized officer, in consultation with the FWP, determines that the entire leasehold can be occupied without adversely affecting bighorn sheep use.